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A WEEK'S RECORD

All the News of the Past Seven Days Condensed.

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

News of the Industrial Field, Personal and Political Items, Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

DOMESTIC.

The employment of negroes by railroads was condemned by the national convention of switchmen in session at Indianapolis.

Four men were killed and two badly burned by an explosion of gas in mines at Federal, Pa.

Nearly 100 buildings were destroyed and 250 persons made homeless by a fire at Lacombe, N. H.

Citizens of Wilkinson county, Mississippi, lynched a negro burglar who confessed to setting fire to a store in Woodville.

The Montana legislature convened in extra session at Helena, made an appropriation of \$30,000 for the St. Louis fair and adjourned.

The city of New York observed the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its civic incorporation.

A hundred families were driven from their homes at Salina, Kan., by a flood, and the damage is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Concord, Mass., gave itself up to a general celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Warren, of Louisville, N. Y., have started out for a drive of 3,000 miles. Their destination is Los Angeles, Cal.

The police at Walla Walla, Wash., arrested a man who had threatened to kill the president. His rifle was found hidden along the line of march.

State banks in Chicago show a gain in deposits of nearly \$6,700,000 between March 2 and May 21.

The Columbia and Constitution were outbaited at Matinecock Point, L. I., by the Reliance, the new cup defender, around a 15-mile triangle.

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A fast train on the Northwestern road was wrecked at Whiting, Ia., and Engineer Coleman was killed and several other persons hurt.

The government's weekly crop report shows favorable conditions in most sections of the country.

The little town of Elmo, Mo., was nearly wiped out by a cyclone and nine persons were killed.

Nine head of horses were burned to death in a fire at the race track at Terre Haute, Ind.

President Roosevelt was the guest of labor men in Butte, Mont., and in an address to 20,000 persons he said, in speaking of the rich man and the trust, that the law would be enforced regardless of their personal wishes.

Parlor games for prizes have been declared by a Williamson county (Ill.) grand jury to be gambling within the law.

W. C. Clifton, murderer of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Church, was lynched by a mob at Newcastle, Wyo.

Fifteen persons are known to have been killed and more than 100 were injured, many fatally, by cyclones and tornadoes in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Louis Everson, a negro known as "Black Pontie," is in jail at Lawrenceburg, Ind., on suspicion of having murdered Miss Rosa Kaiser, whose body was found in Tanner's creek.

The Reliance clearly proved her superiority over the Columbia and the Constitution in the race on Long Island sound, leading about two miles when the signal came that the contest was off owing to inability because of lack of breeze to finish in the required time.

Auditor Castle and Comptroller Tracewell have submitted statements describing charges made by former Cashier Bullock of the Washington post office.

A "dress up" rule is enforced by many big mercantile concerns in Chicago and the assertion is made that tidy appearance is an aid to business and advances the individual employee.

Over 200,000 men are on strike in New York city.

Frank Blake and Henry Hoekema were arrested by post office officials in Chicago for the alleged theft of 25,000 letters from mail boxes during the last eight months.

The Smith & Wesson armory factory at Springfield, Mass., closed indefinitely to prevent the employees organizing a union.

Curtis Jett and Tom White have been indicted at Jackson, Ky., for the alleged murder of Attorney James B. Marcum.

Former President Cleveland was the chief speaker at a New York mass-meeting which adopted resolutions condemning the massacres of Jews in Russia.

The national encampment of the Spanish-American war veterans will be held in New Haven, Conn., September 28-30.

The devastation in the middle west by wind and flood continues. Within the past week nearly 100 persons have been killed and many hundreds injured and millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed.

Plans have been completed by a secret organization with headquarters in Boston for a great negro exodus from the south.

Henry Field, Will Ferrell, Walter Parker and D. B. Craig were drowned at Tamaha, I. T., by the upsetting of a boat.

The annual international arbitration conference began at Lake Mohonk, N. Y.

Mrs. Julia Warding and her three children were suffocated by a fire at their home in New York city.

A. W. Maehen, superintendent of postal free delivery, was arrested at Washington on the charge of taking bribes amounting to \$22,000.

Six thousand laborers at the stock yards in Chicago have been granted increases in wages, and danger of a strike is passed.

In a collision on the Southern railway near Bryan, Ala., three engineers, four firemen and one brakeman were killed.

The Union Pacific strike that has been on at all of the shops of the system has been declared off.

Kansas will need to import at least 25,000 men and 4,000 teams for the wheat harvest.

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President Roosevelt, in a speech at Pocatello, Idaho, expressed hope for the Indian and commented on increased evidences of the race's civilization.

Kentucky feudists attacked the jail at Jackson, where Jett and White, alleged murderers of J. B. Marcum, are imprisoned, but were repulsed by militia.

Jerry Hannigan, former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, was found guilty of bootlegging and sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary. This makes 17 bootleggers convicted.

Statistics on 29,344 suicides in the United States show 31% males to one female, and that two-thirds are between 20 and 50 years old.

Several post office department subordinates are threatened with dismissal because of corruption leading to A. W. Maehen's arrest.

Investigation of Alabama negro slavery disclosed one death due to ill treatment; E. M. Pruett, Montgomery liverman, arrested for alleged plot to sell prisoners.

James E. Burke, a blacksmith, was declared to be elected mayor of Burlington, Vt.

The Presbyterian general assembly at Los Angeles unanimously adopted the revision of the confession of faith.

The prospective visit of the European squadron to Kiel is especially ordered by the president as a compliment to Emperor William, and the American sailors will be guests of honor.

The flood at Des Moines, Ia., submerged the powerhouse, cutting off all electric lights in the city and tying up street cars.

All of the nine Ashland (Wis.) sawmills closed down rather than grant a demand of employees for an increase in wages.

A national freight handlers' movement for 25 per cent wage increase has been planned in Chicago, strikes to be declared in one city at a time.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Prof. Harvey T. Woodman, a world-famous authority in natural history and scientific research, died at Mount Vernon, N. Y., aged 76 years.

Withdrawal of all opposition to President Roosevelt's endorsement in the coming Ohio state convention is announced by Senator Hanna.

The Pennsylvania republican convention endorsed President Roosevelt for reelection and opposed any change in the present tariff schedules.

Dennis Connolly, a native of County Claira, Ireland, died in Elmira, N. Y., aged 105 years.

Edward West, 85 years old, the first teacher of a public school in the territory of Wisconsin, died at Appleton, Wis.

Ohio prohibitionists have nominated a full state ticket headed by Rev. N. D. Creamer, of Columbus, for governor.

Victor Murdock (rep.) has been elected to congress from the Wichita (Kan.) district by 12,000 plurality.

Iowa prohibitionists nominated a full state ticket headed by J. P. Hanson, of Mahaska county, for governor.

W. J. Bryan has renounced democratic leadership, but reiterates that the need of a silver standard is as evident as ever.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reibsoner celebrated her one hundredth birthday at her home near Richmond, Ind.

FOREIGN.

The expulsion of all Jews who have no legal residence has been ordered by the Russian police chief at Kiev.

Andrew Carnegie has given The Hague \$1,500,000 for the construction of a palace of peace and the establishment of a library for the arbitration tribunal.

King Alfonso, of Spain, has inherited \$7,500,000 under the will of his grandfather, King Francis.

Lady Henry Somerset has resigned from the presidency of the National British Women's Temperance association on account of her health.

In a collision at sea the British steamer Huddersfield sank and 20 persons were drowned.

Justice Fletcher Ladd, of the supreme court of the Philippine islands, resigned on account of the illness of his wife and left Manila for his home in Lancaster, N. H.

Two thousand persons perished in an earthquake at the town of Melazgherd, in Asiatic Turkey.

Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock III, the last challenger for the America cup, left Greenock for New York.

A ferryboat capsized on the River Warthe, near Dombro, Prussia, and 20 children were drowned.

The London Times correspondent at St. Petersburg was ordered by the Russian government to quit its territory.

Fire at Mariessville, Canada, destroyed in buildings.

The abandonment of England's free trade policy was urged by Premier Balfour in the British commons.

Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister to Washington, has been made a member of the Chinese foreign office.

LATER.

The body of John Cavanaugh, aged 18 years, was found, on the 29th, near Scranton, Pa., at the spot indicated in a letter left by Mary McAndrew, the young man's sweetheart, who committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Their parents had objected to their marriage.

Two street cars collided in Omaha, Neb., on the 29th, injuring about fifteen persons. Those most seriously injured were Harry Straight, Bertha Bielestein, George Bruchruk, John Weiss, W. H. Robinson and Anna Schindler.

An attempt to lay street railway tracks in Crawfordsville, Ind., on the 29th, by the Townsend-Reed Traction Co., contrary to city government orders, caused a riot. Several persons were hurt, and 60 arrests were made.

Dominador Gomez, president of the Democratic Labor union in Manila, was arrested, on the 29th, on charges of misappropriating funds, brigandage, fraudulent sales of stock and organizing an illegal association.

The Presbyterian general assembly finished its work at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 29th, and adjourned. The United States senate was requested by resolution to expel Senator Smoot, the Mormon apostle.

Postmaster-General Payne, on the 29th, made public the reply of Postmaster Merritt, of Washington, to the Talloch charges. The Merritt response makes serious accusations against Talloch.

During a violent storm at Cherbourg, France, on the 29th, lightning caused the explosion of three submarine torpedoes at the west entrance to the harbor. No damage was done.

A call was issued for more troops at Jackson, Ky., on the 29th, where feudists are on trial. Fresh militiamen were needed to relieve those worn by guard duty.

Harvard led Yale in the trial events in the intercollegiate games, on the 29th, at New York, by one point, the Crimson's total score being 21, while Yale's was 20.

The freight handlers' strike was settled in Chicago, on the 29th. The men accepted an increase of four per cent, in lieu of their demand for 25 per cent.

Mount Pelee became active on the 29th. The general council urged the immediate evacuation of the entire northern part of Martinique island.

Advices from Algeria, on the 21st, reported that M. Jonard, the governor general, was attacked by nomads near Eguigui while journeying from Djennat-Eldar to Benouim with a large party. Thirteen persons were seriously wounded.

A rich man in Topeka, Kas., on the 31st, offered Charles Estes and Miles Saylor \$150 if they would row his family to a place of greater safety. The young men spurned the offer, and went to rescue from the flood a family of poor Russians.

Dispatches from Constantinople, on the 31st, showed that the exile of a hundred Albanian chiefs had restored tranquillity. The Turkish authorities propose to exile without trial 103 leading Bulgarians from the whole of Macedonia.

Among the passengers on the steamer Umbria, which arrived at New York, on the 31st, was N. B. Herliert, an American who has lived for 17 years in Corea, who comes as Korean commissioner to the St. Louis exposition.

Ruperto Ries, the fanatical Filipino leader in the province of Tagayad, was convicted of murder and sentenced to death on the 31st. Twenty-seven of his followers were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

The death list in account of floods at Topeka, Kas., was estimated, on the 31st, to be about two hundred, and 300 missing. Eight thousand people were without houses. The property loss was placed at \$4,000,000.

High water reached Kansas City, Mo., on the 31st, doing great damage to property and causing the loss of a number of lives. Twelve bodies were seen floating down stream.

President Palma of Cuba, on the 31st, informed representatives of the press that the national coaling station leases would be definitely negotiated next week.

The John Danner company's book case and specialty manufacturing plant at Canton, O., was destroyed by fire, on the 31st, causing a loss of \$100,000.

The convention of the Irish National league closed in Liverpool, on the 31st, with a demonstration by 3,000 Irishmen. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., presided.

Paul Wickers was drowned at La Crosse, Wis., on the 31st, while moving his furniture in a boat.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Mother Dies With Child in Arms.

With her baby clasped tightly in her arms Mrs. Belle West, of Shady-side, St. Louis county, was found dead in bed. The infant's cries awoke her aunt, who aroused the father when the death was discovered. Mrs. West was 23 years old and the mother of four children. Just exactly when Mrs. West died is not known, but it was some time between 10 p. m. and 4 a. m. She retired apparently in good health. Her baby is only one month old and she took her in her arms before going to sleep. The rest of the family retired about the same hour and were not disturbed until the baby began to cry the next morning. Al- though the father, James West, was sleeping in the same bed with his wife and baby, he did not hear the latter's cries until his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie West, called to him. West tried to arouse his wife, but she did not stir. Then he took hold of her and found her cold in death.

Says Mrs. Nessenheuer Is Insane.

Says an item from Hannibal: Coroner James Clayton, whose jury has finished the inquest over the body of Baby Howard Nessenheuer, whose death, the jury decided, was due to carbolic acid poisoning through the carelessness of his mother, Mrs. Alice Nessenheuer, will go before the county court at its session and ask that Mrs. Nessenheuer be sent to an asylum for the insane on the grounds that she is of unsound mind. This was decided upon by him as a result of his careful investigation into the case.

She Buried the Wrong Man.

Mrs. George Littleton, of St. Joseph, learned, the other day, that she buried the wrong man for her husband, when the body of a man found at Atchison was laid at rest. George Littleton jumped in the river ten days ago after a quarrel with his wife, in which he thought he had killed her. After the search and funeral, it was learned that Littleton's body had been recovered from the river at Kansas City.

He Was Made to "Cough."

George Williams, colored, 23, of St. Louis, tried to swallow a watch and chain he had stolen. A few taps on the head with a policeman's club was necessary to make him "cough it up." He thrust watch and chain into his mouth, chewed them, broke a tooth, and in swallowing the outfit one end of the chain caught in his teeth and held.

Barbaglia Confesses.

John Barbaglia, the Italian politician who was convicted of naturalization frauds in the federal court at St. Louis, has made a confession to District Attorney Dyer implicating high city officials, it is said.

Eastern Missouri Episcopalians.

The sixty-fourth annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Missouri was held in Christ Church cathedral, St. Louis. The diocese comprises all Episcopal churches in the eastern half of Missouri.

Caught in San Francisco.

A man who answers the description of H. H. McDonald, wanted in Thayer on forgery charges, is under arrest in San Francisco pending further communication with the Missouri authorities.

A Good Job.

Evidence in the Hannigan bribery trial at St. Louis develops that each of the combine members of the former house of delegates received \$10,000 during the life of the organization.

Included's Great-Granddaughter.

Mrs. Clementine Papp-Carrier, great-granddaughter of Pierre Laclède, St. Louis' founder, died the other day. She was 85 years old, and had lived in St. Louis all of her life.

Denounced Outrages in Russia.

At a big meeting at Temple-Shaar Ezer, St. Louis, where both Jews and Christians spoke, resolutions were adopted, denouncing the outrage upon the Jews in Russia.

Injured by Lightning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baumer, 60 years old, was fatally injured by lightning in a severe storm at St. Joseph. She was sitting in front of a window when the flash came.

Remained at His Post.

William Kelly, a Wabash fireman, remained at his post when his train was wrecked at St. Louis, and was buried under engine, receiving probably fatal injuries.

Good Business Barometer.

The receipts of the St. Louis post office, from May 1 to May 26 were \$223,164.73; for corresponding time last year, \$179,177.30; gain, \$43,987.43, or 23.77 per cent.

A Ship of His Foot.

A ship of his foot east Michael Mik-lash, a machinist, his life in St. Louis. He fell, while cleaning a carling machine, and was ground almost into shreds.

Deaths at Moberly.

John N. Kring, aged 82, died at Moberly a few days ago. Charles Stackhouse, a well-known resident of the same city, aged 53, died same day.

AT MOUTH OF THE KAW.

Kansas City and Vicinity Passing Through the Worst Flood in Its History.

MANY HUMAN LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST.

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed and the Railroads Temporarily Put Out of Business—The City Without Water Supply and Thousands Rendered Homeless.

Kansas City, Mo., June 1.—With the waters of the Kaw and Missouri rivers nearly four feet above the disastrous level of 1881 and their swollen tide spread over 12 square miles of the city and its suburbs, Kansas City is enduring the worst flood of its history.

Twelve bodies have been counted as they floated past. In nearly every instance they were lying across pieces of wreckage. On the roof of a cabin that came swirling down could be seen the body of a woman and her child.

The financial loss has been increasing all day, and bids fair to continue. The heaviest loss is at Armourdale, where the losses to the packing industry and others are placed conservatively at \$2,500,000. Another suburb, has suffered losses estimated at \$500,000. Other losses, which can not be estimated, will increase the total very materially.

City Without Water Supply.

Two-thirds of Armourdale is under water. Over forty-five hundred people in this suburb found safety in the higher part of the town. All bridges over the Kaw river are down, and the only communication with Armourdale is by boat.

Kansas City is without a water supply, the flood having disabled the pumping station, and the utmost care is being taken that no fires shall break out. Even a small fire, it is feared, would start a conflagration.

The city is blockaded with trains unable to get out. Not a train went out Sunday except to the east.

Union Station Locked.

The Union station, by the rise of the flood, is rendered practically useless. At one end the water was three feet deep Sunday, and at the other it was a foot higher. In the baggage room baggage was fastened to tackle and suspended in the air out of the reach of water.

Two-thirds of Argentine, a railroad and manufacturing town on the south bank of the Kansas river, six miles from Kansas City, is inundated by ten to twelve feet of water, and probably \$500,000 of damage has been done.

Forty-five of the 6,500 inhabitants are homeless and nearly three thousand are destitute. Five bridges have been swept away, all the railroad tracks and factories are under water and business is suspended. Various rumors of loss of life can not be verified, but an unknown negro woman is known to have been drowned. She was clinging to a log which struck the accumulated wreckage at a bridge, and was carried under. The Santa Fe's property loss is very heavy, but can scarcely be estimated until the flood has abated. The company has 100 miles of track in the Argentine yards, and several miles of freight cars stand submerged.

Freight Cars Floating Away.

Some cars have broken loose from their tracks and floated down the river. The current has left the old channel and has moved south, taking all the buildings in its path.

The Turner's bridge, three miles above Sunday morning, its wreckage lodged against the county bridge at Argentine, which succumbed at noon. The belt line steel railroad bridge just below the county bridge fell immediately afterwards. Then, in succession, the Twenty-fourth street bridge, owned jointly by the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. and the county, and the county bridge at Fifth street were carried away. The railroad bridge was valued at \$75,000, and the other four at \$25,000 each, making the bridge loss \$475,000.

Five hundred frame dwelling houses are under water, and with a further rise many will be swept away.

Thirty Cars Burning.

Late Sunday afternoon the walls of a building at the foot of Fifth street fell with a crash.

At nine o'clock seven fires were burning in as many places in the railroad yards, all of them having originated from lime stored in freight cars, the lime having become heated by contact with the water.

At four o'clock the most serious blaze of the day broke out in some lime cars standing opposite the west end of the Union depot and directly behind the round house owned jointly by all the roads entering the depot. The flames ran rapidly from car to car, and within three hours 30 of them had been destroyed. Among them were several oil tanks which

for a time threatened damage to everything in their vicinity.

Great Sheets of Blazing Oil.

The wind carried the great sheets of flame toward the south and the current swept patches of blazing oil in the opposite direction. Fortunately there was an open space directly north of this fire which afforded egress for the burning oil, and it was carried swiftly out to the river.

While this blaze was at its height, frantic cries of "Help! Help!" came from the vicinity of the fire, but the man who uttered them could not be located, although numbers of men ran out upon the Twelfth street viaduct to lend what aid they could. There were no boats, darkness was rapidly closing down, and unless the author of the cries saved himself, an unknown man went down to death with hundreds of people close at hand and utterly unable to lend a hand to aid him.

Fifty Deaths Reported.

There were rumors that the total number of deaths in the wholesale district of the city during the latter part of the day will reach as high as fifty, but there is no direct evidence of this and no possible way of determining the matter until the waters subside. Directly south of the viaduct stood the warehouse of the Missouri Lime and Cement Co., a building 100 feet long and 50 feet wide. Close to it stood a number of cars loaded with lime, and at five o'clock they were all ablaze and with them went the warehouse and all it contained.

About a dozen freight cars not loaded with lime were consumed also. The damage in this fire could not be less than \$100,000.

The other fires were scattered over a district five miles long by three miles